

OVER THE TOP FOR BOTH CHAPTERS IN GREAT RED CROSS CHRISTMAS DRIVE

ALBANY AND DECATUR DO MORE
THAN THEIR SHARE FOR THE
CAUSE OF HUMANITY. NEW
GOALS ARE SET.

L. & N. SHOPS RESPOND NOBLY

MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED MEM-
BERS SECURED BY THE ALBANY
WORKERS SATURDAY. DECATUR
CHAIRMAN HAD MANY PHONE
CALLS SUNDAY.

Both the Albany and Decatur chapters of the Red Cross are "over the top" in their great Christmas membership drive. The Albany chapter exceeded its total Saturday through a strong response made by the men employed at the L. & N. shops. This total, as announced Saturday night, was 1,076 members—45 more than the required quota. The Decatur chapter exceeded its quota early today. Both organizations will continue their efforts through today, and a total of 2,000 for the Twin Cities may result.

Decatur Goes Over.

The last day finds Decatur's campaign well "over the top." Sunday was quiet save now and then someone fearing the campaign had closed and would call over the phone and ask to join.

Great work has been done throughout the drive. All the workers have been untiring in their efforts towards success, and enthusiasm has run high. It is impossible today to make a comparison of the work of various communities. The campaign manager has been so busy that little attention has been given to clerical work.

The booth at the City National Bank has received more than 100 members, while one of the larger committees has probably brought in 200.

JESSE A. COOK,
Campaign Manager.

A tired but happy sigh emitted from the army of workers, with the announcement that in six days time the Albany chapter had gone over the top to victory along its tiny sector of the long-lined nation-wide drive for 10,000,000 Red Cross members. This announcement came on the evening of the sixth day of the drive, but the workers did not rest on their laurels since the state is still short so many thousand names. The loyal members went on their errands of mercy throughout Sunday and on Sunday afternoon a special meeting of new and old members was held to devise means for securing the renewal of all old members. As only about a dozen of the old members have renewed it was directed that they be gone after and a plan was left in the hands of Mrs. Kimball Jones, chairman of the membership extension committee, for execution today.

Saturday Was Big Day.

Not since time began was there ever such unity of purpose among all kinds of Albany people as has developed in the present Red Cross drive. Loyal and sincere has been the response of the public to the appeals of the workers. And as to the appeals? Visualize scores of the sisters of men, clad becomingly and wearing a blue tiara upon their foreheads. While on this head-dress stood forth the scarlet Maltese cross, prophetic of the mercy and comfort that is to go to wounded and dying soldiers.

Like all wise leaders, Mrs. W. E. Todd, manager of the campaign, kept conserving the energies of her workers for a mighty final drive, and when Master Mechanic C. J. Bodemer of the L. & N. shops, said he was ready for the great man power of the shops to be given an opportunity to show their patriotism, Mrs. Todd and the faithful ones, were ready and were soon at the outer shop gates. On entering the first one of the 16 shops, the demand was made for the unconditional surrender of not less than one hundred dollars for Red Cross memberships. It happened that J. P. Gibson, a veteran employe, was the first to hear the words of command, and after raising

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Merry Christmas

"America" Will be Sung as Carol on Christmas Morning

"America," the national air, will be sung as a Christmas carol tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at Wheeler Park, marking the close of the Red Cross membership drive. The suggestion was made by Maj. Chas. Bassett in the following letter to the Daily: Albany-Decatur Daily:

The following item was taken from a late issue of the world's greatest newspaper:

Millions are expected to join in the chorus at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, when the world sings "America" as a Christmas carol. The movement, which was started by The Etude, the month-

ly musical journal, has met with quick approval in the United States and overseas. It is hoped to make it a world circling chorus.

To join in the world circling carol would be a fitting close to the very successful drive for Red Cross membership of the past week, closing tonight. It has been suggested that as many of our patriotic citizens as possible gather at Wheeler Park Christmas morning at 9 o'clock to take part in this world-wide singing, to take place at that hour in every town and city in the United States and overseas at that hour.

CHAS. BASSETT.

AMERICAN TROOPS SOON WILL BEAR BRUNT OF FIGHTING

—SEC. BAKER

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—American troops soon will form the principal body of the fresh strategical reserves on the battlefields of Europe and will bear the brunt of the fighting. Secretary Baker indicated today in his weekly review of the war.

This fact is fully appreciated by the enemy, the secretary asserted. The recent "peace feelers" in preparation for an intensive drive on the western front are a result. The Italian army, the secretary stated, has successfully repulsed the enemy along its line.

New Regulations For Meat Packers

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—Following the disclosures of interlocking stock ownership whereby the Chicago packers control 80 per cent of the commercial food of the United States, the federal trade commission is considering drastic new regulations and in all probability the commission will recommend a law compelling big interests to make public their connection with competing enterprises.

Questionnaires Filled at the "Y" Building

General Hubbard Rules on Section Seven. Alien Enemies Must Fill.

In reference to question seven of the questionnaire, Adjutant General Hubbard has sent the following telegram to Judge John C. Eyster, of the Morgan County Legal Advisory board:

John C. Eyster,
Albany, Ala.

Reference series seven in questionnaire, if answer to the first question is "No," all other questions in the series must be answered.

HUBBARD.

This section refers to citizenship of registrants, and the ruling is that enemy aliens and all persons who have not taken out naturalization papers must fill out all the blanks in this section.

At the Y. M. C. A. The legal advisory board has accepted the invitation of Dr. H. R. Thompson to use the Y. M. C. A. building, and a number of the volunteer workers will be stationed there to assist registrants in filling out the questionnaires. It was also stated today that all attorneys would fill out the blanks at their offices.

No Paper Tomorrow

In observance of its annual custom, the Daily will take a day off tomorrow in order that its working force may enjoy the Christmas holiday. The paper wishes its many patrons and friends a Merry Christmas.

COUNTY BOARD TO TAKE CHRISTMAS

NO QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE
MAILED OUT DURING THE
DAY.

The Morgan county exemption board will observe Christmas day, and the office will be closed. It will open again Wednesday morning. No questionnaires will be mailed out tomorrow. Those put into the mails today were between the call numbers of 1285 and 1445.

The board today was receiving its Christmas presents, according to R. M. Lipscomb, secretary of war for Morgan county. "Just tell the others to hurry their gifts along, and we'll do the rest," said Mr. Lipscomb, as he passed a fine box of candy.

Misses Lorraine Scheer and Leslie Maze were the volunteer workers at the office today.

Speake and Moebes Present the Cigars

The Daily is under obligations to Speake & Moebes, progressive Second avenue merchants, for a box of fine Gato cigars, a Christmas gift. The remembrance is one that is highly appreciated.

Good Man Breathes Last on Saturday

T. J. Tilman died on Saturday night at 12 o'clock, following an illness of several days. He was born near Ripley, Tenn., 66 years ago, and came here in 1888. For many years he was engaged in merchandising and was known as a man always of square and fair dealing, a lovable, kindly gentleman, who held until the close of his life the esteem of his community.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist church and had been for many years a trustee of that church in Decatur, also of the Woodmen of the World.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Ferdinand Phinizy, Misses Florence and Vivian Tilman; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Browning of Ripley, Tenn.; a brother, Joseph Tilman, of Dozier, La. Funeral took place from the late residence, 115 East Vine street, at 2:30 o'clock, interment following at Oakwood cemetery.

Pallbearers—D. D. McGehee, A. F. Houston, J. W. Bailey, F. H. Pointer, James L. Echols and John A. Thomas.

BOLSHEVIKI PEACE PARLEYINGS GO ON, CONTRARY REPORTS ARE ERRONEOUS

RUSSIAN DEMANDS ARE NOW BE-
ING STUDIED BY THE GERMAN
ENVOYS, SAY LATEST DIS-
PATCHES.

ITALIANS BAFLE THE HUNS

BOAST TO TAKE VENICE BY
CHRISTMAS HAS NOT BEEN
MADE GOOD. ANOTHER DRIVE
IS EXPECTED.

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 24.—The Russian peace program of the German chancellor has been approved by the German federal council, said a dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon.

(International News Service.)

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Italian ministry, headed by Premier Orlando, was given an overwhelming vote of confidence by the chamber of deputies today.

(International News Service.)

Rome, Dec. 24.—The boast of the Germans and Austrians that they would be in Venice by Christmas day has been punctured by the brave resistance of the Italians and their allies along the Piave river and on the Asiago plateau. Not only have the invaders failed to force a crossing of the Piave, but they have been forced back in the Venetian Alps and dispatches stated that assaults by the invaders had been repulsed.

The Austro-German guns between the Brenta and Piave rivers are still hammering the British, Italian and French positions. The Italians look for another powerful drive against their positions in the north but are fully prepared to meet it.

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 24.—The report that Germany has rejected the peace terms of the Russian Bolsheviks and that the Russian delegates were recalled from Brest-Litovsk was erroneous, according to advices received today from several sources. One dispatch from a German source said that the Russian peace terms "are now being studied by the envoys of the central powers," and another meeting will be held shortly when their views will be given. Germany is doing her utmost to use the peace parley with Russia as an opening wedge for a general discussion of terms with the allied powers. This is shown by the report from Copenhagen that the Kaiser contemplates the calling of a general congress of sovereigns of Europe to end the war and settle the affairs of all nations that have been disarranged by the war. There are six main terms in the Russian peace program, chief of which is that there shall be no annexations and that the Germans shall evacuate all the Russian territory they have occupied.

RAIDS WERE REPULSED.
(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 24.—Strong German raiding parties tried to penetrate the British positions near Epehy, Monchy, Les Preux and La Bassée, but all were driven off, the war office announced today.

ALLIES ARE PLANNING A BALKAN OFFENSIVE.

(International News Service.)

Paris, Dec. 24.—An intimation that the allies are planning an offensive campaign in the Balkans was contained in the official announcement that Gen. Sarraill, allied commander-in-chief on the Macedonian front, had been named as the general to take charge.

HUNDREDS OF CARS TIED UP HERE BY RAILWAY EMBARGO

Hundreds of cars of freight, originating at points along the Louisville & Nashville railroad, are being held in the local yards on account of the embargo recently announced by the Southern Railway on all shipments east. So congested is traffic on the Southern, that a 48-hour embargo has been placed even on perishable freight, an official of the road stated today. Non-essential freight will probably be held here for some time, while food products and like shipments will be moved as fast as possible.

Unprecedented congestion is said to exist in the railroad yards to the east. At Chattanooga, fifteen hundred cars of freight have been switched to the sidetracks, while further east nearly every sidetrack is cluttered with freight that so far the railroads have been unable to move. The Louisville & Nashville is said to have an enormous amount of freight on its sidetracks at Nashville.

Just when conditions will become normal again is not known. In addition to the heavy freight traffic, the passenger traffic is unusually heavy. Every incoming train is loaded to the guards. No. 1, southbound on the L. & N., ran in four sections yesterday, carrying Ohioans to Montgomery to visit their soldier boy relatives during the holidays. No. 25 on the Southern was one of the longest trains that ever passed through the Decatur station. Nearly all trains are running hours off their schedules.

District 40 First To Send in Report

District 40 has the distinction of being first of the outlying districts to send in a report, and a most gratifying one it is. The first receipt written by the local chairman was given to Master Jas. Wm. Meyer, the 7-year-old son of Wm. Meyer, of Decatur, junior member of the well known firm of Spencer & Meyer. This child is proudly wearing his Red Cross button, for which he tells you he gave one of his big silver dollars which he earned picking cotton for "Little Daddy."

"Little Daddy" (Jas. F. Cain) has two sons at Camp Wheeler. A recent visit to them at that point stirred the martial spirit within him. Realizing the significance of the campaign, "having the heart and the dollar" he rendered great assistance to the ladies working in his community.

Anxious to Vote, Pays 25.50 Poll

The men who are left at home this year intend to vote. This is indicated by the fact that a citizen of Morgan county dropped into the office of C. C. Robertson, tax collector, and paid his poll tax for the past 17 years, a nice total of \$25.50. This is the largest amount ever paid in poll tax by one man at one time in the history of Morgan county.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Christmas Eve, midnight service; celebration of the holy communion.

Christmas day, morning prayer, holy communion and sermon, 10:30, subject, "Peace With God."

Friday, holy innocents, holy communion, 10:30 a. m.

The Christmas tree will be Friday night at 7:30 p. m. in the parish house. The children are requested to meet in the church, and from thence they will march into the parish house for the exercises. The Rev. L. F. Goodwin will talk to the children.

Rev. Thomas G. Mundy, rector.

Fighting to Rage On Christmas Day

(International News Service.)

Paris, Dec. 24.—Christmas day will not see any cessation of the fighting along the western front, military critics predicted today. While the Germans continue to mass fresh troops and supplies of ammunitions and supplies all along the front, there is a steady increase in raiding and artillery activity. On the Verdun front a German surprise attack in the sector of the famous Dead Man's Hill broke down under French fire. There is no definite indication as yet here of the promised offensive of the Germans which will fall on the western front. The present German strength on the western front is now placed at nearly 1,500,000 men.

HIGHWAY TO HARTSELLE IS NOW A CERTAINTY

Federal Government Appropriates \$12,000 For the
Work and State and County the Remainder

Probate Judge L. P. Trapp was today advised by State Highway Engineer Kellar, that the federal government has allowed \$12,000 from its road fund for the use of Morgan county. The county commissioners had already authorized a similar amount, and the last obstacle to the building of that branch of the state highway from Albany to Hartselle is now assured. Bids will be advertised for on the first Monday in January.

The new road will be 14 feet in width with an 8-inch macadam top. The fills and grading have already been done. The highway will almost parallel the lines of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

Of the \$12,000 which the county and state must expend, in order to secure federal aid, \$9,500 is paid by the county and \$2,500 by the state.

Wednesday to be Wheatless Day At Decatur Cafe

Pete Ballas, proprietor of the Decatur Cafe, who was among the first in Alabama to observe Tuesday as meatless day, announces that every Wednesday, beginning Jan. 2, will be observed as "Wheatless Day" at the Decatur Cafe.

Albany Postoffice Open Until Noon

The Albany postoffice will be open until noon tomorrow, Christmas day, but patrons are asked not to call for parcels as the parcel post automobile will be operated all day and every package will be out of the office by tomorrow night.

The city carriers will make one delivery in the morn'g. The rural carriers will make their usual deliveries. The parcel post, general deliveries, stamp, money order, postal savings, register and war savings stamp windows will all be open until noon. The usual hours as to the dispatch of mail will be observed.

Kaiser Again Poses As Destiny's Agent

(International News Service.)

The Hague, Dec. 24.—The Kaiser has made a speech of "greetings" to the second German army, breathing characteristic violence and defiance.

The Kaiser reverted to his customary talk of "divine aid," and declared that during the year just passed it "has been proved that the German people have in the holy Lord an unconditional and avowed ally."

No Peace Offer in Allied Stocking

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—American officials bitterly resented today the charges made by Leon Trotsky of the Bolshevik government that the United States is party to a plot to help Gen. Kalendines and the Cossacks. The allegation that this movement was taking place behind the shield of Red Cross work was especially displeasing to officials, who declared there was no foundation at all for the statement.

PROBERS TO REST FOR THREE DAYS

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—The three-day yuletide lull in the congressional investigation into the conduct of the war enabled the investigators today to take stock of their findings to date. Those proved facts leered at them out of the maze of the last ten days investigation: American troops are being sent into the trenches with uniforms 27 per cent inferior to the British and French; the American army is virtually without machine guns except what Gen. Pershing gets from the French government, and deliveries will not begin until next April; the rifle output of American factories has been reduced substantially one-half since war began and the hundreds of thousands of men in training are unarmed; the quartermaster's department is still unable to clothe and equip the last 15 per cent of the first 687,000 men drafted; not one ship of America's much heralded gigantic "win the war" merchant fleet is yet ready for use.

German Socialists Are Causing Worry

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—Serious difficulties between the imperial German government and the majority of socialists have arisen as a first effect of the conclusion of the armistice between Germany and the Maximalists of Russia, according to a radio message from Lyons, France, received here today quoting a Zurich message.

Uncle Sam Very Sore At Trotsky

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WHAT RED TAPE COSTS
THE UNITED STATES.

A story that will stir the American
people was that told upon the witness
stand by Col. Lewis, inventor of the
Lewis gun, a weapon of de-
struction and death that is now used
exclusively by the British armies. This
old man, whose denunciation of red
tape methods and official blundering
was made more pathetic by the fact
that he has two sons with Gen. Pershing
in France, who are forced to fight
either with obsolete weapons or those
borrowed from another government,
declared that time and again his in-
vention had been offered to his coun-
try and had been refused. In its
stead, he charged, the men at the
head of the ordnance department had
played favorites with the Browning
gun, a weapon which he declared ex-
isted only on paper.

If this was but one incident the
American people might be willing to
condone, to believe that the ordnance
experts had merely displayed a cer-
tain human fallibility and had erred
in judgment. But it is not. The war
is today being fought with American
inventions—with the Lewis gun, with
the submarine, with the aeroplane. All
of these, with the exception of the
Lewis gun have been brought to their
highest efficiency by the non-inventive
Teutons. What single German inven-
tion of value is in the hands of Amer-
ica? It is too evident that the genius
of our people has been sold into the
hands of our enemies. And only red
tape methods can be blamed.

"OVER THE TOP" IN
A GREAT CAMPAIGN.

Albany and Decatur chapters of the
American Red Cross have covered
themselves with glory. Both are "over
the top" in the great Christmas mem-
bership drive and both are forging
ahead to a higher goal, one fixed by
themselves.

The local chapters are among the
first in the entire nation to complete
their quotas, a fact that speaks vol-
umes for the patriotism of the Twin
Cities and for the zeal of the cam-
paign workers. An announcement
Sunday morning stated that at that
time but thirty cities in the United
States had come up to the mark set.

If Alabama falls behind, if there is
any jaggings done, its odium will rest
upon other sections and other cities.

In proportion to population and
wealth Albany and Decatur have done
more in the purchase of Liberty bonds,
in subscribing to the Y. M. C. A. war
fund, the war library fund and the
Red Cross than any in all Alabama.
What an enviable record!

The Daily congratulates the Albany
and Decatur chapters and all the
campaign managers. Dr. Jesse A.
Cook and Mrs. W. B. Todd.

SPLENDID SUPPORT GIVEN
THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES.

The Christmas number of the Hunts-
ville Times, issued Sunday, contained
thirty-eight pages. An explanatory
note stated that some half dozen pages
of advertising matter was crowded out.
This tells the story of the support
which Huntsville is giving one of its
newspapers—and it has two. It speaks
much for the alertness of the Hunts-
ville merchants, much for the enter-
prise of a city that is rapidly assum-
ing metropolitan proportions. The
Times is to be congratulated.

State Press Views

DECATUR HOSIERY MILL OPENING
DAY.

Wednesday, November 28th, from 1
to 4 o'clock, we were "at home" at our
new plant on Church street. All the
operators were dressed in their neat
uniforms of blue hingham aprons and
immaculate white caps. The event
had been announced in the papers,
and we had a negro orchestra to fur-
nish music, and Pete Ballas served
his famous hot coffee, hot chocolate,
cakes and ham sandwiches. Over 2-
500 people attended the opening. The
mill was thronged with people the
whole afternoon, coming going. They
formed a steady line and poured into
the building passed the machines and
out the front door. It seemed as if
the whole population of Decatur and
Albany had come to visit us and bid
us welcome. Most of the people had
never seen a knitting machine before,
and were much interested in the com-

plicated machinery, which transforms
yarn into socks.

The immense and representative
crowd of visitors on opening day was
certainly a pleasure and a great deal
of encouragement to us, and made us
feel that the good people of both towns
were behind us, interested in us and
wanted us to feel at home and be-
come one of them.

Mayor James A. Nelson was on the
job introducing us to the people as
they came in, and helped us entertain
the crowd. Mr. Nelson's loyalty and
interest he has taken in this new en-
terprise is deeply appreciated by us.
Decatur is to be congratulated in hav-
ing a mayor who is a live wire as Mr.
Nelson.—Nick O-Jack Arrow and De-
catur Scimitar.

\$567 FOR POUND BUTTER.

A pound of butter was sold at a
fair held by the Red Cross auxiliaries
of Union and Scott townships at Mar-
ble Rock, Iowa, with the understand-
ing that it would be sent to President
Wilson for his Christmas dinner, and
brought the handsome sum of \$567.
That's a good many plunks to plunk
down for a pound of butter even for
the president of this great and glor-
ious country. But those Iowa farm-
ers seem to have the change.—Colum-
bus City (Ind.) Post.

FOOD LICENSE TAKEN FROM
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., FIRM

The food administration issues the
following:

The United States food adminis-
tration announces that Lester Brothers,
wholesale food handlers of Newport
News, Va., have been deprived of their
license, and forbidden to deal in any
"commodities covered by the food con-
trol act." They have been ordered to
close their doors on December 31. The
specific complaint brought out in their
hearing last Friday was that Lester
Brothers had defused consignments of
potatoes, allowing them to deteriorate
in the freight yards and incidentally
add to railroad congestion.

Special Attorney's Report.

James A. Ford, special attorney for
the food administration, was sent to
Newport News to investigate the com-
plaints and to represent the food ad-
ministration at the hearing. In his
report he indicated that Lester Broth-
ers had been tempted by war condi-
tions to speculate in essential food-
stuffs, profiting by unusual demands
that had arisen on account of war ac-
tivities in that section. He recom-
mended that their license be revoked.

Their license, Mr. Ford reported,
had not been secured until after they
were already under investigation.
Food administration records show that
Lester Brothers were not licensed un-
til December 6.

Union Shipment Refused.

One carload of onions they had or-
dered from a Minneapolis firm was re-
fused after a third person, who had
contracted for them in the belief that
he could resell to the government, had
refused to carry out his part of the
contract. Lester Brothers, according
to the investigator, could have dis-
posed of them at a small loss, in spite
of the fact that the market had drop-
ped slightly. Rather than shoulder
that loss, however, they threw them
back upon the consignors.

Potatoes Allowed to Spoil.

In another instance, it was shown
at the hearing, they had refused to ac-
cept five carloads of potatoes, which
were allowed to spoil. Mr. Ford re-
ported that Lester Brothers, after
once refusing to accept the consigna-
ment, had changed their decision and
agreed to take them, later changing
again and allowed them to remain in
the cars. This, they claimed, was be-
cause the railroad company had tak-
en possession of the goods and re-
fused delivery. The railroad, report-
ed Mr. Ford, denied the truth of this
statement.—U. S. Official Bulletin.

Wilson Finds Man
Power Mobilize

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—The man pow-
er of the nation is fully mobilized to
meet the war emergency. Secretary
of Labor Wilson brought this Christ-
mas message to the president today
when he returned to Washington after
a three months' trip as head of the
industrial commission.

ITALIAN AVIATORS TO
TRAIN IN AMERICA.

(International News Service.)
With the American Army in France,
Dec. 24.—Italy is preparing to send a
number of skilled pilots and students
to the United States for training pur-
poses next year, due to the superior
facilities in America, it was learned
today.

Chafing Dishes, \$12.50 to \$15.00. Caf-
fee Percolators, \$2.50 to \$15.00.
Just the thing for the better gift. Owl
Drug Co., Decatur. 22-2t

A WANT AD
WILL SELL IT.
TRY ONE.

With Dickens
At ChristmasHe Made Yuletide Real
Again

BEFORE the Christmas
hearth I muse alone,
And visions of the past,
both grave and gay,

Rise from the ruddy coals;
outside the moon
Of homeless winds is child-
ren by the lay
Sweet sung by children who
keep holiday,
Making the season's mood
their very own.

And slowly, while I gaze and
dream and grove
Less lonesome, do the sights
and sounds of earth
Fade, and my fancy wanders
to and fro

With a great master of a
ment and mirth,
Who wove his hand to gild
the long ago.

A wondrous company! Mica-
ber, smiles
In spite of poverty, and Lit-
tle Nell,

Too frail a flower, travels her
weary miles,
Then falls on sleep, and Da-
vid tries to tell

The trials of the young; now
Pickwick's spell
Makes laughter easy; on a
pinch

Of sacrifice sits Carton midst
war's wiles.

Drolls, villains, gentlefolk of
all degrees
Make populous the air, a
hundred strong.

Last comes, as fits the season,
Scrooge, his knees
A-tremble! Till he harks the
Christmas song

Of love and knows that spite
and greed are wrong
And how that charity is more
than these.

Master of human hearts! No
Christmas tide
Whose chants are not the
sweeter and whose
cheer

Is not more blest since Dick-
ens lived and died!
The savor of his teachings
makes each year
Richer in homely virtues,
doth endear

Man unto man; hence shall
he long abide.

—Richard Burton.

Christmas Song

NOW is the time when
holly sprays
Light all the barren
brooding ways,

And every bell, it sounds
noel,
A psalm in the Master's
praise.

Now is the time when ivies
gleam
Like beryl in the morning
beam,

And every bell, it sounds
noel,
And makes the Master's
praise its theme.

Now is the time when mistle-
toe
Is glossy in the noonday glow,
And every bell, it sounds
noel,

To praise upon his name be-
stow.

Now is the time ofingle
mirth,
The blessed day of Christ—
his birth,

And every bell, it sounds
noel,
To ring his praise throughout
the earth.

—Clinton Scollard in Ains-
lee's.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

Charles L. English, Deceased,
Estate of.

Probate Court, Morgan County.

Letters of administration upon the
estate of said decedent having been
granted to the undersigned on the 21st

day of December, 1917, by the Hon.
Lovick P. Troup, Judge of the Pro-
bate Court of Morgan County, notice

is hereby given that all persons hav-

ing claims against said estate, will be
required to present the same within
the time allowed by law, or that the
same will be barred.

MRS. ANNA E. ENGLISH,
D 24-31 J 7 Administrator.

Eastman Kodaks in several sizes
and priced from \$1 up. Everyone ap-
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Company, Decatur. 22-2t

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To All Our Friends
and Patrons

Good Luck to you during the holiday
season and all of Nineteen-Eighteen

Decatur Drug Company

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Best wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

May you live long and pros-
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The Big Bargain Store

W. W. Garnett & Co.

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We sell cotton seed meal, hulls, bran, shorts, shucks, hay,
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HELP OUR GOVERNMENT feed and clothe our

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HELP THE RED CROSS relieve the sufferings

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Will buy all the cracked bolls
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D 22-5t-Sat

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formation at Decatur Land Company
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FOR SALE—Schaffer piano at bar-
gain, in first class order. May be
seen at 420 Lafayette street. Phone
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WANTED—Floor show cases. Those
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Nice lot of dressed shoats for sale, to
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JUST RECEIVED—Word to loan
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composed of fresh groceries, count-
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WOOD FOR SALE—Heater or stove
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FOR SALE—One platform spring,
cut-under wagon; new running gear.
Lide Hardware Co. Phone 140 De-
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WE LOAN money on anything
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Co. Room 10, over Postoffice,
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cause we believe it
our duty to support
the paper which helps
up-build this com-
munity.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all
is the sincere wish of
MRS. F. S. GRAVES

Monday Greetings!

We thank you for your liberal patronage during the year now closing and trust that 1918 will be a most happy and prosperous one for you.

SIVLEY & SANDLIN

Christmas Greetings

THANKING OUR FRIENDS FOR THEIR patronage in the past and hoping for a continuance of same during the year to come.

Cordially Yours,

Owl Drug Company

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Delite and Star Theatre--- Today

A PROGRAMME DE LUXE--Charlie Chaplin, in His Latest Picture

"THE ADVENTURER"

ONE LONG, CONTINUOUS LAUGH

**ALICE BRADY, in
'THE MAID OF BELGIUM'**

A Startling Story of a Girl Refugee from the great war

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A story for men, women and children. A magnificent picturization of a book famous throughout the world. Wonderful scenic effects. Pirates. Island of Mystery. Adventure. The Fox Kiddies, the most famous stars in the world today

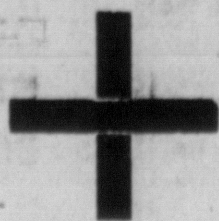
Words cannot picture the beauty of this production, which we secured at a great expense, for our Xmas picture.

House Opens Promptly at 2 p.m. Admission 10, 15 and 25c This covers War Tax

SOCIETY

Margaret Clinton Shelton, Phone 882, Albany

A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS



SING AT 9 O'CLOCK CHRISTMAS
MORN AT WHEELER PARK
WITH OUR BOYS "OVER THERE."

At 9 o'clock Christmas morning everyone is requested to meet at Wheeler Park to sing "America" with our boys "over there," as every ally in the world will be doing the same hour. Company E and every boy who has gone from this community will know your heart is in touch with him at this time.

CAROL SINGERS TONIGHT.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God and singing Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will To Man." The sweetest singing ever heard by man was that night when Christ was born. The hills and hollows caught it and by a natural law we get the echo every year, when sweet singers carol on the natal day of Jesus.

If you want them to come to you, place a lighted candle in your window as the guiding star and these sweet singers will come to you as the wise men of old were led on this occasion. They will bring to you the story of that Holy Night, and you will give to them frank incense and myrrh to bear good gifts to others. The children will meet their leaders at their respective schools at 7:15 and sing in those wards until 9 o'clock when everyone will assemble on Second avenue. Everyone is expected to join in the singing.

RECITAL AT Y. M. C. A. SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The pupils of Miss Marie Kimbrough appeared in a Christmas recital at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday afternoon, every member of the class reflecting great credit on this talented young reader. The assembly room was taxed to accommodate the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. T. Sheppard left for Gadsden this afternoon to spend the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Ross were here Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNabb.

Mrs. M. L. Hardage and son, Louie, of Chattanooga, are here for the holidays.

Miss Lou Giles is visiting friends and relatives at Fayetteville, Tenn.

Miss Mary Grace Sanders, who is teaching at Johns, Ala., came in Saturday for the holidays.

Miss Lula Garnett, a student of Shorter College, came home Saturday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Means and brother, Joe Lee Parker, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Thompson, went to Fildelle, La., Sunday to be the holiday guests of Mrs. Jas H. Lipscomb.

Mrs. L. E. Harrison and daughter, Miss Helen, of Birmingham, are guests of relatives.

Miss Kathleen Webb is spending the holidays with her brother at Tyler, Ala.

Mrs. William Steed is at Trinity today visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis.

Mrs. Cornelson, who is teaching at Somerville, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Clara Kniper, of Nashville, is the holiday guest of Miss Katherine Zanvit.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wyker left this afternoon to spend Christmas with Mrs. E. R. Sumpter at Pulaski.

CHRISTMAS DANCE TONIGHT AT THE HOTEL LYONS.

What promises to be the most enjoyable social event of the Christmas period is the dance to be given this evening at the Hotel Lyons. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Hermitage orchestra of Nashville, and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock. In addition to a large local attendance, many from out of town are expected to be present.

BEREAN CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY.

Mrs. W. A. Curry, president.
Mrs. Z. Trimble, secretary.
Mrs. F. H. Pointer, hostess.
Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Berean club will meet with Mrs. Foster H. Pointer instead of with Miss Giles, who is out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Willington have gone to Florence to spend the holidays.

Miss Janie Morrow is expected home tonight from Albany, Ga.

Mrs. M. A. Dinsmore has recovered from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith went to Memphis this morning to spend Christmas.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson has returned from Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. John Skeggs is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. E. Skeggs.

Helen and Marion, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skeggs, of Nashville, are the holiday guests of Judge and Mrs. W. E. Skeggs.

O. C. Parker and family are visiting at Diana during the holidays.

PERSONALS

Herman White, of Atlanta, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. White, for the holidays.

Revs. A. L. Davis and W. G. Henry are now located at Brookhaven, Miss. Mr. Henry having been appointed pastor of the Methodist church there. He is succeeded at the Galloway Memorial at Jackson, Miss., by Rev. C. W. Crisler. Rev. Davis has hosts of friends here who will be glad to know he is pleasantly situated.

Fred V. Littlefield, of Camp Pike, Ark., is home on a five-day furlough.

Oscar Porter, in the employ of the Daily at the time of his recent enlistment in the regular army, has been

Family Bibles and Testaments in all sizes and bindings, very appropriate for Christmas presents. Owl Drug Co. 22-24

Beginning
Wednesday

January 2nd

Every Wednesday will be "Wheatless Day" at
Decatur Cafe

stationed at Kelly Field No. 1, Line 48, South San Antonio, Texas. He expresses himself as well pleased with army life.

John and Fitzgerald Johnson and John Mason, of Pulaski, Tenn., will arrive today to spend the holidays with Leonard Speed.

R. S. McIlton and daughter, Miss Kate McIlton, are spending the holidays at St. Louis.

Tooney Buttrely, of Nashville, is spending Christmas with his father, J. A. Buttrely.

Alf Hodgins is able to be out after being confined for some weeks to his home by an injury to his leg.

James Transue, of Memphis, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. E. Transue.

Spencer Garnet, of Camp Pike, is spending the holidays at home.

Dr. A. N. Powers, of Waterloo, Ala., is the Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGregor.

D. M. Thrasher, of Trinity, Route 1, was a business visitor in the cities today.

J. M. Jones, of Albany, Route 1, was in the city today transacting business.

M. A. Dinsmore arrived today to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brock.

Early Phinizy is at home from Sheffield for the holidays.

Neil S. Zeigler is here the guest of relatives.

Harold Hatchett arrived today from Akron, Ohio, and will probably remain here.

The Spirit Of Giving

At Christmas, O be thou tender, true;
Thy friends make glad and all thy foes forgive;
With its sweet light begin to live anew;
Ungrudgingly give, and giving, much receive.

Make thy glad life grow large, thy soul expand;
Let there be one full day within the year
When love shall open wide thy waiting hand
To lessen want and dry some bitter tear.

Souls are there many, heavy laden, sore,
And eyes that weep and hearts that often bleed.
And squalor knocking, tattered, at thy door,
And cold and hunger crying in their need.

Give wisely, freely, of thy bounty give,
And, most of all, do not forget, give love;
Since giving is the truest way to live,
And richest treasure laying up above.

Make glad thy home, let sunshine reign within;
Bless every hearthstone with thy largest fair;
Share with pale want thine overflowing bin,
By kindness save some brother from despair.

Be saviors, O my brothers, every one!
Let the true Christ in your own soul be born;
Thus thou canst be God's well beloved son
And make each dawn a joyous Christmas morn!

—Vinnepolis Journal
Subscribe for the Daily.

To close our books without thanking you for the business entrusted us during the past year would leave a debt unpaid. A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you.

MALONE COAL GRAIN AND MOTOR COMPANY

We take this means of Expressing our keen appreciation of the generous patronage of our friends and customers and wish for one and all a Jolly Christmas, and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

TENNESSEE VALLEY BANK

Merry Christmas

To All

Miss Augusta Evans

That This May Be

**Just the Happiest
Christmas Ever**

Is the wish of

The Fashion

WE WISH YOU A

Merry Christmas

and thank each and every friend and patron for their loyalty during the past year.

WE WISH YOU

A Happy New Year

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Efficient and Rapid SERVICE

YOU will want a suit or gown cleaned or pressed in a hurry some time.

Our modern equipment and prompt delivery system enable us to handle your work in the shortest possible time.

Try our Dry Cleaning and Pressing Service—the work is excellent and the charges moderate.



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

to you and yours. May Santa bring you every Blessing.

Olshine's Department Store
By HARRY OLSHINE

A Merry Xmas to All

TO those who have helped to make this the Banner year of our business, we extend our gratitude. To all others who are loyal to their home town and county we invite your acquaintance that our business may continue to grow and that actual advantage may arise.

May we all be thankful for the blessings of the Year and prepare to enter the NEW YEAR with a renewed determination to be loyal to our town and to support the

Red Cross With Every Mighty Dollar That We Can Spare.

For Humanity's sake.

CHANDLER'S

NEW YORK

EXCELLENT SERVICE THROUGH CINCINNATI TWO NIGHTS AND ONE DAY OUT



A Really Truly Christmas Tree

BY CHARLES S. PEASE

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OF course you want to know at once how a Christmas tree can be any more real than the one you had last year, so I shall explain that the tree Ralph and Rhoda had by accident one winter was rooted in the ground in the Lake Superior woods.

First you must be told that the town children up there had the good times in both summer and winter, but the miners' boys and girls had the hard times all the year around, and that's the reason why mother said to Ralph and Rhoda the day before Christmas: "I don't see how you two are going to have a happy holiday when the children up at the mines do not expect to have any tree at all. How would you like to go up the mountain and take them a lot of presents and things? You can get back before dark. I will telephone the mine captain that you are coming."

"Just the very thing," said the children. And away they went soon after with a sled loaded with everything you can think of for a jolly Christmas, just lots of gifts and royal trimmings for a tree.

They were making good time along the mountain side when Rhoda stumbled over a root.

When she tried to stand up again her ankle would not work.

Of course Rhoda would not hear of leaving the miners' children's "Christmas" in the snow and coasting back home. So Ralph went back to the Halfway store for some help, but the place was locked and barred. Before they decided on what to do next a flock of the mine children came racing down the road. It seemed as though the telephone message had emptied the settlement of youngsters.

"We've come to help take the 'Christmas' up the mountain. It's a hard pull farther along," they explained.

When they found that Rhoda was hurt they wanted to take her home, but she wouldn't listen to a word of it.

"I'm going right up to see that tree properly trimmed and hung with these things," announced that young lady and, being of the sturdy and determined kind, tried to forget the pain.

So the swiftest runners of the mine boys started back to get a sled to carry Rhoda to the summit.

Before the ambulance corps could return, down came one of those howling blizzards so dreaded in the rough northern country, and there was nothing for it but to retreat and take refuge in the Halfway store. This old log house proved a hard nut to crack, but Ralph finally managed to get in through a rear window and soon had a roaring fire going in the big stove. The plucky lads got back from the mountain, and everybody thanked his lucky stars to be safe and warm. Outside the storm roared and the trees bent low in the gale. All the evening Rhoda stood the ache bravely and said it was nothing, but Mary Martha Murphy knew better. When all was quiet she brought a pail of water so hot that Rhoda squealed when her nurse put the swollen ankle into it, and these two girls, one who had a lovely home and rich furs and many other fine things and the little poor girl with a warm Irish heart, sat up till "all hours."

During the night the storm turned to rain and then it became cold, so very cold that the forest was covered with an icy coat. In the morning the blizzard drifts were many feet deep.

So the only thing to be done was to wait till a rescue party came out for them with shovels and horses and snowplows. And then a great thought occurred to Rhoda.

A giant hemlock tree stood right in front of the store, in a place swept clear by the wind—that is, it had been a hemlock before it became one great, dazzling emerald with pearly icicles hanging all over it.

When night came, clear and perfectly still and inky black, the rescue party found a celebration going on the like of which had never been known. The children had taken hundreds of miners' candles from the store and had wired them all over the hemlock. All the presents and the gift ropes and the other ornaments had been hung about the branches, and the candles lighted.

Rhoda, half smothered in furs and tucked up on a high seat, was mistress of ceremonies, while a ring of singing, dancing children circled around the tree, and in the background, all about the dense forest, shot back millions of sparks of light.

Over the Top For Both Chapters

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ing his hands in token of obedience he slipped it into his pocket and produced the "necessary."

Hot for Slackers.

Some did not surrender so readily as did Mr. Gibson, especially certain Bolshevik inclined brethren, but the arguments of Miss Gladys Godbey soon put those of this ilk to utter rout, especially when the young lady gave the concrete example of the Red Cross train that so recently sped from Boston to grief-stricken Halifax.

The Record For Days.

The record by days: Monday, 202; Tuesday, 136; Wednesday, 138; Thursday, 57; Friday, 126; Saturday, 417.

In a word, the campaign to date has been one of good fellowship and results, with the big man power of the L. & N. shops the controlling factor. Miss Marcella C. Bullard, secretary of the committee of ten, is expected to furnish for publication a tabulated list of the work of the several teams and also the number of new members credited to each individual worker.

Congratulatory Telegrams.

The following telegrams were received by Mrs. W. E. Todd, campaign manager for the Albany Red Cross: Sumpter, S. C., Dec. 23, 1917. Congratulations. You have pulled off a great campaign. Albany should feel proud. Convey my sincere appreciation for the hearty co-operation of all the workers. Many pleasant wishes for yourself.

H. R. THOMPSON.
Birmingham, Dec. 23, 1917. Heartly congratulations on fine record and patriotic work of your committee.

ROBT. JEMISON, JR.,
Alabama Campaign Manager.

British Labor to Agitate Again

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 24.—The most important labor meeting held in the British Isles since the beginning of the war will open at Nottingham on January 23, when the annual conference of the labor party begins. Trade union organizations in all parts of the United Kingdom will be represented and it is stated that resolutions containing radical recommendations have already been drawn up for debate.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The following marriage license was issued from the probate office: James E. Wiley to Mrs. Florence Bibb, both of Falkville.

Genuine French Ivory sets and individual pieces. Owl Drug Co., Decatur. 22-2t

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to Governor Chas. Henderson at his office in Montgomery for the immediate parole and final pardon of Arthur A. Strock, convicted of forgery, September 26, 1915, and sentenced by Judge Thos. W. Wert to a term of five years in the state penitentiary, which time he is now serving at labor in the coal mines of the Sloss-Sheffield Company at Flat Top, Ala. D 18-25

To Our Good Friends And Patrons

Who have aided in making 1917 the banner year in our business career, we extend our most sincere thanks. May 1918 be your most prosperous year is the wish of

Dillehay Brothers

We Thank You!

Our business has grown and prospered during the past year. Your kind patronage has made this growth possible. We thank you and extend to you one and all our very best wishes.

MORGAN FURNITURE CO.

By J. L. PROCTOR, Manager

CHRISTMAS THANKS


FOR YOUR ALL THE YEAR PATRONAGE

May the year 1918 prove to be a happy and prosperous one for you is the wish of

Preuit-Dillehay Drug Co.

By B.E. PREUIT

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Greeting of the Yuletide Season

Again comes the season of good will and while the mistle-toe and the holly hang high, and the spirit of the Christ-child is scattering seeds of sunshine all over the world, we send greetings of the Glorious Christmas Season to you.

May this Christmas be the merriest you have ever known; the year about to dawn upon her Horizon of Time, the happiest and most prosperous you have ever enjoyed. This is the sincerest wish of

ORY-COHEN

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CORNER 2ND AVE. & GRANT ST.